

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takashi Nagase, et al.

Serial No.: 10/785,152

Filed: February 24, 2004

For: **SOLDERING IRON TIP AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SAME**

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Michael Aboagye

Confirmation No.: 8157

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of January 25, 2007.

Due to errors in the Office Action, Applicants are unable to make an election. In the Office Action, Examiner Aboagye has required a restriction to claims which are not pending in the application.

Applicants request correction of the errors in the Office Action of January 25, 2007. If a new restriction requirement is issued, **Applicants request the Office to restart the previously set period of reply** to run from the date the error is corrected or the date of remailing of the Office Action, as provided under MPEP 710.06. As indicated below, the error in the

Office Action of January 25, 2007 was brought to the attention of the Office on February 4, 2007, within 1 month of the mail date of the Office Action.

On February 24, 2004, Applicants filed the instant continuation application concurrently with a preliminary amendment, which cancelled claims 1-98 and added new claims 99-150. Accordingly, claims 99-150 are pending in the application as of February 24, 2004.

On January 25, 2007, Examiner Aboagye issued an Office Action requiring a restriction to either claims 1-44 or claims 45-98, all of which were previously cancelled. In addition, the Office Action Summary incorrectly states that claims 1-98 are pending.

On February 4, 2007, a telephone message was left for Examiner Aboagye regarding the error. On March 29, 2007, Examiner Aboagye indicated that another Office Action will be issued. However, another Office Action has not been issued to date.

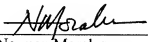
Applicants believe no fee is required to accompany the filing of this paper. However, if in fact a fee is due to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge and deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

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